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Identical letters dated 19 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit herewith a complaint against the Libyan regime, which directed groups under its control to storm the Lebanese Embassy in western Tripoli (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 36 and 83, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 19 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Lebanese Republic

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants

At precisely 1940 hours on Friday, 18 March 2011, groups under the control of the Libyan regime stormed the Lebanese Embassy in western Tripoli. Those groups, which arrived in dozens of vehicles, broke down the doors of the first floor and ransacked Embassy property. They also attempted to break down the doors of the second floor. They then ascended to the building's roof and brought down the Lebanese flag, which they burned in the street, and raised in its place the Libyan flag. This raid constitutes a flagrant breach of the inviolability of the Lebanese Embassy and the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and demonstrates the extent of the Libyan regime's disregard for international instruments and norms, which obligate it to ensure the security of diplomatic missions. This aggression comes on the heels of the efforts being made by Lebanon, as the representative of the Group of Arab States in the Security Council, pursuant to the mandate set out in the resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level. That resolution led to the adoption of Security Council resolutions 1970 (2011) and 1973 (2011), the implementation of which will lead to the protection of civilians in Libya from the organized violence being perpetrated by the Qadhafi regime in violation of international law and international humanitarian law.